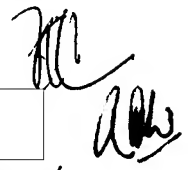


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MEMORANDUM TO: [Redacted Box]  
SUBJECT : Flying Pay of Medical Personnel

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1. I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter of request for authorization to place several Airmen of the Medical Department on flying status because of the nature of their duties. This group of personnel had all been on flying status prior to their assignment to this project, and when they were removed, because we had no authorization at the time, I feel that their morale was definitely affected in addition to their personal loss in monetary allowances.

2. The original request from [Redacted Box] office was dated 24 February '56 and was routed to Hq USAF. Action was delayed at that level for reasons unknown to us. However, after two weeks it was returned to [Redacted Box] with an indorsement stating that the letter of request would have to be initiated and forwarded as the inclosure shows. This meant that the delay necessitated the loss of flying pay for the group of Airmen for the month of February and part of the month of March.

3. As it specifically states in USAF Regulations, flying orders cannot under any circumstances be made retroactive and can be effective only as of the date of the publishing of the Flight Order. There is, therefore, no conceivable way in which these Airmen can recover the loss.

4. One of the Airmen involved was [Redacted Box] who has since been discharged from the Service. The others for the period of February and March were: [Redacted Box] and Airman [Redacted Box] there being only three involved during the period.

5. I know personally that [Redacted Box] and the people in his office made every possible effort to get these ratings in the proper time limit. It is unfortunate that Hq USAF made such a delay, but it is something that cannot be corrected through Air Force channels. Thus, I am requesting that our organization be researched for the possibility of making restitution of this amount of money loss through our funds.

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[Redacted Box]  
Lt. Colonel, USAF (MC)

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